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GERMANY TO HOLD ALL CONQUERED TERRITORY

Assertion By Count Westarp at Opening of Reichstag

SOCIALISTS OPPOSE PLAN

England's Cry of War to the Bitter End Precludes Peace Now Desired by All Nations.

Berlin, via London, Oct. 12.—Count Westarp, leader of the Conservative party, repudiated in a speech at the opening of the Reichstag yesterday the idea that Germany will restore Belgium and the conquered French territory to their former owners. Germany will keep all her conquered territory, he said, answering Herr Scheidemann, the Socialist leader.

"No," the Conservative leader said, "what we conquered at the cost of our blood we will hold as long as necessary in order to assure the future of the German nation."

Herr Scheidemann said: "Shances for peace today are poor. Since Briand and Lloyd George have preached war until the bitter end, the Chancellor is unable to talk peace. But we are free to do so. The nations want peace. If the contrary be said in any country, then it is absolutely untrue."

"The French nation is kept ignorant by censorial prohibition of the fact that it could see its country, as well as Belgium, free today of German troops without shedding one more drop of blood and without losing one more square foot of soil. What do these nations still fight for? That the French shall stay in France, that the Belgians shall stay in Belgium, that the Germans shall stay in Germany. This is the main basis upon which the coming peace will be constructed."

It is practically certain the Reichstag will not discuss the submarine question during the session. The budget committee, by a vote of 24 to 4, has declared against the discussion.

Major Ernest Bassermann, leader of the National Liberal party, after saying that the budget committee, for which he spoke, had considered thoroughly and "under the impression of the high importance of the question" its every aspect.

"The committee recommends that the Reichstag in its deliberations abstain from a discussion of submarine warfare. It bases this attitude on the standpoint that a thorough discussion of the naval, technical, military, economic and political details is impossible without injury to the interests of the fatherland, and that without such thorough discussion the subject could not be completely cleared up."

KINGSTONIAN SAFE

British Freighter Reported Sunk in Submarine Raid.

Boston, Oct. 12.—The British steamer Kingstonian reported as among those torpedoed by a German submarine off Nantucket last Sunday, is safe in port, according to word received here yesterday by John M. Thomas, local manager of the Leyland Line, which owns the steamer. Mr. Thomas said his information showed that the Kingstonian was thousands of miles from Nantucket last Sunday.

As the Kingstonian is in the service of the British admiralty, Mr. Thomas was not permitted to indicate the port at which she had arrived, but he said that it would take her two weeks of steaming at her usual speed to reach Nantucket, so that it was evident she was nowhere near the scene of the submarine's operations in those waters last Sunday.

This information serves to confirm the opinion held by marine men at Boston that the report of the Kingstonian's loss arose from a confusion of her name with that of the steamer Knudsen, the Norwegian tank steamer sunk by the U. boat. Capt. Wilson of the British steamer Strathdene, another of the ships caught by the submarine, hailed a passing vessel and inquired her name. He understood the reply to be "Kingston" and later after the submarine had torpedoed the same vessel and her crew had taken to their boats, Capt. Wilson reported to the Nantucket Lightship the loss of the supposed "Kingston."

There was no record of any steamer of that name in those waters but it was thought possible that the Kingstonian might be the submarine's victim on account of her work for the British admiralty her movements are not recorded in maritime registers. The theory now held by shipping agents at Boston is that the vessel hailed by the Strathdene was the Knudsen.

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont rain tonight and cooler. Partly cloudy and cooler Saturday.

STRIKERS COWED BY SHOTGUNS OF POLICE

Two Men Killed, Two Boys Badly Wounded in Bayonne

MORE TROUBLE IS EXPECTED

Standard Oil Workers Threatened to Resist Police Who Invade Strike District.

Bayonne, N. J., Oct. 13.—Police and citizens are making an effort to settle the strike of the Standard Oil employees today with out calling out the state militia.

The police have decided, however, to clear out the gangs of idle men and more trouble is expected. The body of an unidentified man, presumably a Slav, was found today with a bullet wound over the eye, making the third death since the beginning of the strike.

The strikers have threatened to resist the police if the scene of the trouble is again invaded.

New York, Oct. 13.—One man was killed and a score of more were wounded, five dangerously, in riots in connection with the Standard Oil strike in Bayonne yesterday afternoon. Following a night of terror, in which strike sympathizers raided a saloon and a clothing store and four fires were started by incendiaries, the police cowed the army of idle men into at least temporary submission.

The man killed was leader Nalitsky, 22 years old, a lawyer employed in the office of Newman & Neiler. Nalitsky had gone to collect rents at a house in the neighborhood of East Twenty-first street and Prospect avenue. He was shot in the back, the bullet entering one of the lungs, and fell dead in the street. The police believe the killing was the work of a sniper.

When the police tonight attempted to repeat their work of clearing out the "dead line" district they were fired upon by strikers and sympathizers at Nineteenth street and Avenue E. The police returned the fire and charged the crowd.

The police force which invaded the strike zone was composed of two hundred men, each armed with a riot gun, a rifle, a revolver or a club. They combed the district bounded by East Twenty-first and East Twenty-eighth streets, Avenue E and Prospect avenues—known as the Gridiron—compelling residents and shopkeepers to remain indoors. When a man appeared in the street he was warned to go inside. If he hesitated a shot was fired over his head. Usually this warning was sufficient.

He sides clearing the streets the police raided twelve saloons, smashing bottles and opening beer kegs. City officials on Monday had ordered each of the saloon keepers in the strike area on Constable Hook to keep their places closed. They believe that if all liquor can be removed from the men half the problem, so far as the preservation of the peace is concerned will have been solved.

BRATTLEBORO BOY SHOT

Small Rifle Bullet Passes Through Harry Anderson's Body.

Brattleboro, Oct. 11.—Harry Anderson, 13, is in the Memorial hospital with a bullet wound through his body. While his condition is very serious he has a chance of recovery. With Gordon Rugg he was hunting this afternoon in the vicinity of Elm Corners. Rugg was behind Anderson when he attempted to cock his .22 calibre rifle. The gun was discharged and the bullet, passed completely through Anderson's body, going through the liver. William Bolden, who was with them, ran to the nearest house and telephoned for a surgeon and Rugg shouldered him several hundred yards before meeting assistance.

M'DONALD WHITE KILLED

Boston Publisher Loses Life When Automobile Skids.

Etta, Me., Oct. 12.—McDonald White of Salem, Mass., connected with the Boston publishing house of Houghton, Mifflin Company, was killed here today when his automobile skidded over an embankment. He was 60 years old.

His wife and daughter, who were with him escaped injury.

BAN PUT ON KISSING

And All the Female Employees of the Capitol are Excited.

Albany, Oct. 12. There was much excited whispering among the fair employees of the various offices in the Capitol today when the State Department of Health posted a bulletin in the corridors and elevators, one paragraph of which reads:

"Kissing on the mouth, especially children, should be discouraged."

MILK MEN ORGANIZE

W. H. Jackson President of Dairymen's League of 50 Producers.

Vergennes, Oct. 11.—A meeting of the milk producers of Vergennes and vicinity was held last evening at the city hall. There was a large attendance, upwards of 150 milk producers being present. Marcus J. Roof of Middletown, N. Y., a member of the Dairymen's League was the principal speaker. In his address Mr. Roof stated the reason for the organization of the league and the benefits coming to the milk producer from such an organization. He said that the organization had been in operation seven years, at first slowly growing but now the membership is increasing rapidly. The league now has a membership of 16,000, representing 300,000 cows.

After much discussion the membership books were opened and signed by about 50 producers, representing 1,000 cows. A permanent organization was then formed with officers as follows: President, W. H. Jackson; secretary, H. W. Day; treasurer, William Noonan.

The price of milk fixed by the league in the second zone, which comprises this section of the State, as stated by Mr. Roof for 3.8 milk is as follows: October \$2.29, November \$2.39, December \$2.39, January \$2.29, February \$2.24, March \$2.10.

COMAR-LACROSSE

Popular Young People Married at Sacred Heart Church.

The Sacred Heart church was the scene of a very pretty ceremony on Thursday afternoon when Miss Elsie L. Lacrosse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adelard Lacrosse of Dewey street, and James E. Comar, son of Jesse B. Comar, were united in matrimony by Rev. C. E. Prevost at 2 o'clock. The bride, who was attractively gowned in plum-colored broadcloth, was attended by Miss Alice Theberge, wearing a dress of midnight blue. The best man was Richard H. Comar, brother of the groom.

Both the bride and groom were employees of the Cooper Machine works. A large number of friends were present to wish them good fortune. They left immediately after the ceremony, their wedding trip to be spent in Buffalo and at Niagara Falls. They were the recipients of many beautiful gifts, among them being cut glass, silver, linen and furniture.

BEATS ALL POTATO RECORDS

Williamstown Farm Yields at Rate of 1015 Bushels Per Acre.

North Adams, Mass., Oct. 11.—Mount Hope farm in Williamstown, owned by E. P. Prentice of New York City, which has been devoting four years of experimental work in the growing of potatoes, had a potato day yesterday and in the presence of hundreds of people, turned out of the ground the biggest yield of potatoes on record so far as can be found. The event was an important one in agricultural circles and there were present agricultural men from Massachusetts, Vermont and New York. The farm furnished a dinner and an orchestra in connection with the event.

The interest of the day centered in an experimental field of seed potatoes and in the field of market potatoes planted by the planter and harvested by commercial methods. In the experimental field two varieties were raised at Mount Hope. The Rural New Yorker and the Mount Hope were planted in alternate rows, sown from seed potatoes of different degrees of maturity. So far as experiments at the farm have gone, it seems probable that potatoes should not be dug less than 13 weeks from the time of blossoming.

Further experiments will be made next year to determine this question. Rural New Yorker potatoes, dug last year in less than 10 weeks from the time of blossoming, gave yesterday a yield at the rate of about 600 bushels per acre. Rural New Yorker for seed, which had the full 15 weeks growth, yielded at the rate of over 800 bushels per acre.

Another question which the farm is experimenting with is the elimination of small hills. To accomplish this, all hills of seed potatoes are cut separately. In the winter these hills are sorted, small potatoes are thrown out, and only strong, sound hills true to type are preserved. Hills so selected are planted by themselves and numbered by stake. Two thousand, six hundred and ninety were planted, each stake containing on an average of 15 hills, a total of 40,000 hills to be harvested, weighed, stored and entered on the record, besides about 20,000 hills from productive seed which were bought this year and with which the work of breeding has just begun.

From all this seed there is chosen only the large hills from even producing stakes. At Mount Hope the effort is to produce seed potatoes of uniform productivity. Yesterday it was shown that great progress has been made in this direction. Several large uniform stakes of Mount Hope potatoes were dug of which the hills in the heaviest ran as high as 1.015 bushels per acre. So far as is known there is no field on record in the United States that can equal this.

Besides the seed potatoes there was also dug a field of market potatoes, planted from seed discarded last winter from the seed stock. This seed showed a heavier yield under ordinary commercial conditions for the market and averaged 500 bushels per acre.

RUMANIA'S FATE MAY DECIDE WAR SAYS DILLON

Irish Leader Says Struggle Hinges on Results in Balkans

URGES VIGOROUS MEASURES

England Must Not Permit Another Ally to Suffer Like Belgium and Serbia.

London, Oct. 12.—John Dillon, Irish National Member, complained in the House of Commons today that Premier Asquith in his speech yesterday had given no assurance that the utmost resources would be employed to help Rumania in the hour of her trial to save her from the fate of Belgium and Serbia.

"If we allow Rumania to be overrun," said Mr. Dillon, "maybe we will never beat Germany. There have been sinister rumors that the British Government regards the Salonica expedition with an evil eye."

He expressed the belief that the war would be decided in the Balkans and asked for a plain assurance from the War Secretary that the Allies would strain every nerve to assist Rumania by a strong counter offensive in Macedonia.

David Lloyd George said that obviously he could not enter into details, but he could assure Mr. Dillon that the Allies were doing their utmost to support the Rumanian armies against attacks.

"We have not the least doubt," said the Minister, "that Germany is concentrating her strength in order to crush Rumania, not merely in her own interest, but in a spirit of vengeance because a brave people dared challenge her power."

Despatches from Berlin say that, threatened by an encircling attack, the Rumanians have had to evacuate their positions in the Maros Valley, at the northern end of the Transylvanian front. The German official statement says that Gen. von Falkenhayn is keeping up his pursuit of the Rumanians on the whole front and in the last two days has captured 657 prisoners, one cannon and five machine guns.

TRUSTEE MORRISSEY PRESIDES

Occupied Chair at Special Meeting Thursday Evening.

Because of the absence of Village President A. W. Braisted Thursday evening, Trustee Morrissey presided at a special meeting of the board called to receive the report of the sewer committee relative to work on the small stream through the Root property on South street. The bank of the ditch has been caving recently and in order to avoid trouble in the spring repairs must be made within a few weeks. An appropriation of \$300 was made and the committee was given power to make repairs not to exceed that amount.

Two bids were received for the installing of the steam heating plant at the quarters of the Eagle hose company and the contract was awarded to Winslow & Craven for \$225.

Charles Dyer was granted a permit to erect a house in the rear of his property on Main street.

Trustees North, Harbour, Burt, McGurn and Morrissey in attendance.

COOK-MOONE

Quiet Marriage at Congregational Parsonage Thursday Afternoon.

Miss Leah Arline Moone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Moone, and Harold Edward Cook, son of Mrs. Catherine Cook were quietly married at the Congregational parsonage by Rev. G. S. Mills Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The bride wore a blue traveling suit with hat to match. There were no attendants, only the immediate family and intimate friends of the couple being present.

The bride is a graduate of the local high school and has been teaching since graduation, having charge of the second grade in the graded school last year. The groom is an employee at the Charles Cooper estate machine shop. Both are very popular and have many friends. They left last evening for New York City. On their return they will reside at their new home on Park street, where they will be at home after November 1.

AGED MAN A SUICIDE

James Wentworth's Body Found Hanging to Small Tree.

North Troy, Oct. 11.—James Wentworth, aged 77 years, committed suicide by hanging this afternoon, his body being found suspended from a small tree about 7.30 tonight after a searching party had started out for him. There is no known reason for his act other than despondency.

DESTROYERS SEEK SECRET BASE ON MAINE COAST

Flotilla of 15 Vessels Dispatched from Newport, R. I.

SUBMARINE AGAIN SIGHTED

Radio Message Says German Raider Was Seen Today Off Nantucket Island.

Washington, Oct. 13.—The suspicion that some foreign power may have established a secret base on the north Atlantic coast is the reason for the dispatch of the destroyer fleet from Newport, R. I. Secretary Daniels said today.

The fleet will cruise as far as Eastport, Me., in search of a secret submarine base or wireless station. Fifteen destroyers compose the fleet.

Newport, R. I., Oct. 13.—A radio dispatch from an unknown steamer received here today stated that the German submarine U-53 had been sighted off Nantucket island.

Newport, R. I., Oct. 12.—When three destroyers, the Jarvis, Drayton and Fanning, steamed out of the harbor at full speed late today it was reported they would begin a neutrality patrol along the New England coast as a result of the recent German submarine raid. Other destroyers in the harbor were getting up steam and making active preparations for an early departure.

Rear Admiral Austin M. Knight, commandant of the Narragansett bay naval station, said that while no official action had been taken to put a neutrality patrol into effect, such a patrol probably would be established soon. From unofficial sources it was understood that the destination of the three destroyers was the eastern coast of Maine, in the vicinity of Bar Harbor. The exact nature of their errand was not disclosed.

VERMONT D. A. R.

Miss Jennie Valentine of Bennington Elected a Director.

Montpelier, Oct. 11.—Members of the Vermont Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met today in Bailey hall for the 17th annual conference, it being the second patriotic society to meet in the city this week. The Colonial Dames met Tuesday, and the Daughters of 1812 will hold their annual meeting Thursday.

The following officers were elected: State regent, Mrs. Edward Sprague Marsh, Brandon; State vice-regent, Mrs. E. M. Pember, Wells; recording secretary, Mrs. S. L. Hazard, Fair Haven; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Helen E. Peck, Brandon; treasurer, Mrs. F. I. Swift, Brattleboro; auditor, Mrs. Raymond McFarland, Middlebury; historian, Mrs. F. O. Gillingham, Woodstock; chaplain, Mrs. J. F. Downling, Essex Junction; directors, Mrs. W. T. Dewey, Montpelier, Mrs. Gertrude David, Rutland, and Miss Jennie Valentine, Bennington.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

Reports of 1916 Season Given at Special Meeting

At a special meeting of the village improvement society held on Saturday October 7 at the house of Mrs. E. W. Bradford, president of the society, a report of the work for the season of 1916 was given.

A much needed stone wall has been put in halfway on the east side of the village cemetery by the town at a cost of \$437.00 towards which the society contributed \$100.00, continuing the rest of the distance on the east with a substantial wire fence with iron posts set in tile and cement at a cost of \$238.00 which the society has built with the help of twenty-four generous and interested contributors.

The town has graded on the highway and the whole boundary has been greatly improved and put in a condition to last for years. For this work done in such a creditable and substantial manner we wish to thank the selectmen who have given it their personal supervision. The thanks of the society are also due to Mr. A. W. Braisted, village president, who greatly assisted by his advice in building the fence and who ordered the materials for the same.

Sign "No trespassing per order of the Village Improvement Society" has been placed in cemetery park and much good has resulted there from. An elm tree has also been added to the park and it is hoped next year to plant a good many trees about the village.

An improvement has been noted, through the effort of the society, in the condition of the Maine road leading to Old Bennington by the cutting of the weeds and grass in the ditch.

SAILLY-SAILLISEL NEXT OBJECT OF ALLIED ATTACK

French Already Encircling Village North of Somme

SHELLING GERMAN POSITIONS

Apparently Using Same Methods that Resulted in Capture of Comblès and Thiepval.

Paris, Oct. 12.—Gen Foch continued today the encircling of Saily-Saillisel, the large village north of the Somme that is one of the strongest points in the present German line. The French infantry, after heavy artillery fire, pushed closer to the town from the west at the point where their line joins the British line near Morval.

The same methods that resulted in the fall of Comblès and Thiepval are slowly making the position of the Germans at Saily-Saillisel untenable. North and west of it French and British have pushed a wedge, and south of it a French wedge reaches the wood of St. Pierre Vast. Artillery is already firing on the village from south, west and northwest, depriving the Germans of the protection of the ridge that partly hides the village.

Evidently the French south of the river are about to take up again their similar encircling movement aimed at Chaulnes, the important railroad junction southwest of Peronne that is so valuable to the German positions in the whole large Noyon salient of their line. The artillery south of the river was very active, the French War Office reports and the German guns answered heavily.

HUGHES' TRAIN DELAYED

President Wilson Car Is Backed Into Crowd.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 12.—The special train carrying Charles E. Hughes on his third western trip was stopped by a broken rail on a curve around a steep embankment of the Big Sandy River when leaving Paintsville today. The rail was broken for several inches the inside flange having been knocked entirely away.

Section hands discovered the break a few minutes before the special was due and flagged the train. The broken part of the rail could not be found. Train officials said that the break appeared to have been caused by a heavy blow. Only a few persons aboard the special learned of the cause of the delay.

Richmond, Ind., Oct. 12.—The train to which President Wilson's car was attached backed into a crowd here and several persons nearly were caught under the President's car. John Q. Slye, a Secret Service man, pulled one woman out of the way just in time.

TAFT TO SPEAK IN VERMONT

Other Campaigners Secured by Republican State Committee.

Montpelier, Oct. 11.—The Republican State committee following a meeting of the executive board announces that ex-President William H. Taft will speak in Vermont during the campaign, the date and place not being fixed, and other speakers expected are United States Senator Fernald of Maine and Henry Esterbrook of New York.

NEWS FROM BELGIUM

Rev. Dr. Arnet Has Visited Stricken Country Within a Year.

Rev. Dr. Henri Arnet, who speaks in Bennington Sunday evening at a union service in the Second Congregational church, springs from a sturdy stock of pastors and missionaries. His family has been associated with the evangelization of Belgium during the last seventy-five years.

Born near Liege, Dr. Arnet has worked for fifteen years as a missionary in Belgium. In 1911, he made an extensive exploration in the Belgian Congo which led to the formation of the Belgian Congo mission. As the official representative of several of the American Congo missions, he has greatly helped our African missionaries in their relations with the Belgian government.

He was several months in Belgium under German rule and was present at the surrender of Brussels. He has seen the battlefields and desolated places of Belgium. Last autumn he visited the Belgian battle front in Flanders, and had a very interesting interview with King Albert, who gave him an important message that will be heard with interest.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA